

# WHO IS LAFOLLETTE

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What sort of a man is LaFollette? This is one of the big questions of American politics today.



As a matter of fact, "Bob"—he is always "Bob" to his friends—is a warm, sunny-natured man, a companionable chap, the ideal chum for a journey or a camp, whose life revolves like a planet with a triple-focussed orbit.

Herbert Quick, about three things—his home, his friends and his public service. In all three worlds the law of his life is democracy.

In the conversation about the LaFollette fireside, all are citizens of a little democracy, and the suggestion of either of the boys, Bob and Phil, or of little Mary, the youngest, are received respectfully, as they are offered freely. Mrs. LaFollette is an equal partner in all things with the senator. When the elder daughter Fola—now Mrs. Middleton, wife of Middleton the dramatist—desired to go upon the stage, her absolute right to dispose of her life as seemed to her best was recognized.

ed instantly, and she exercised that freedom which in the LaFollette philosophy is the sacred right of every human soul.



Left to right: Phil, Bob, jr., and Sen. Bob

The LaFollette boys treat their distinguished father as a chum, and in the give and take of their banter with him, the "chaff" and "josh" is like that of